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In re Patent Application of ) **MAIL STOP RCE**  
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Application No.: 10/550,595 ) Group Art Unit: 3725  
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For: REINFORCING BAR BINDER, ) Confirmation No.: 1363  
WIRE REEL AND METHOD FOR )  
IDENTIFYING WIRE REEL )  
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**AMENDMENT FILED WITH RCE**

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated March 24, 2009, and upon entry  
of the attached Request for Continued Examination; please amend the above-  
identified patent application as follows: